

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals

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PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE Minutes of Meeting on June 24, 2010

[Approved on August 10, 2010]

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Meeting Location: MASSDEP, Central Regional Office, Worcester, MA

- 1. Call to Order: Janine Commerford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Also present were Gail Batchelder, Kirk Franklin, Christophe Henry, Gretchen Latowsky, and Kelley Race. Robert Luhrs joined the meeting at 1:32 p.m. Board members absent: Deborah Farnsworth, Jack Guswa, and Debra Stake. Staff members present were Lynn Read, Al Wyman and Terry Wood. Also present were Wes Stimpson of the LSP Association, and Tom Potter and Mary Gardner from MassDEP.
- **2. Announcements:** Agenda Item 5.A. Complaint 10C-01 under New Business was moved up to the beginning of the agenda.

3. New Business

A. Complaint No. 10C-01

This complaint was filed by MassDEP and alleges, among other things, that the LSP did not provide appropriate oversight during the conduct of response actions at a site. After discussion of the complaint and the LSP's written response, a motion was made and seconded to appoint a Complaint Review Team (CRT) to investigate the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Batchelder was appointed to the CRT. An LSP Board member and staff attorney will be appointed to the CRT in the near future.

4. Previous Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2010 were approved.

5. Old Business

A. Status of CRTS

At Mr. Luhrs's request, the chair of each CRT reported on progress made since the April meeting.

6. New Business (continued)

A. Report on meeting with LSPA representatives

Ms. Commerford reported that she and Ms. Wood recently met with Andy Irwin, LSPA President, and Mr. Stimpson to discuss the details of the Board's disciplinary process. She reported that the meeting lasted approximately three hours. In consideration of the fact that Mr. Irwin and Mr. Stimpson both expressed that the LSPA membership does not have a good understanding of the Board's disciplinary process, Ms. Commerford stated that the Board should look for opportunities to educate LSPs. Ms. Batchelder suggested that the Board work to develop a two-hour course with case studies modeled after the types of disciplinary complaints the Board has investigated and that includes an explanation of the Board's disciplinary process. Mr. Stimpson stated that the members of the LSPA's board do not understand the disciplinary process and question how fair it is to LSPs. He agreed that a training session might be useful to the LSPA membership.

7. Future Meetings

The Committee has not yet scheduled any future meetings.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.